



Meeting Date: January 19, 2021

Time: 9:00am

Location: Madoc Township Municipal Building

**Committee of the Whole Minutes
1st Draft Budget Meeting**

**Council Members Present: Mayor Blackburn
Deputy Mayor Rollins
Councillor Beaton
Councillor Rowe
Councillor West**

Council Members Absent: None

**Staff Present: Clerk/Planning Coordinator Amanda Cox
Treasurer/Administrator Anne-Marie Goulah
Staff members present only during their reports**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am as a Committee of the Whole meeting in which those present could provide input and discuss items more informally.

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature
Thereof and conflict of interest**

None

Mayor Blackburn opened the meeting and stated the importance around building a new fire hall and asked how committed Council is to the new fire hall. Consensus was its an important project that will take place over two years.

Fire Budget – not asking for much above the building of a new fire hall. Reduce repairs budget and training budget and move \$60,000 to the fire hall, making a total of \$260,000 to be moved to the fire hall.

Roads Budget – Working Roads Supervisor would like to finish what was started. Priorities are Barry Rd, O’Hara Rd, fix Mill Rd and guard rails along Cooper Rd.

Pull Cooper Rd, pull O’Hara Rd until we get funding. Barry needs to be repaired and Woods Rd needs turn arounds built.

There was a concern about slashing money for the fire hall, roads are our biggest complaint and we are taking a lot from roads.

Discussion around where different funding (eg. OCIF, Gas Tax) can be used. Reduce training budget to \$6,000 and move \$8,000 to fire hall
Include in roads budget - Barry Rd, Mill Rd gravel NW quadrant and fuel tracker

Staff to look into getting a truck from BISB and if that has been approved yet.

Facility Budget – application has been sent in to have the roof done for \$130,000 - have not heard back yet. Staff to look into why our neighbours have not budgeted anything for Arena Capital. Move \$18,820 from Arena Capital to fire hall, if need to move it back later we can.

Admin Budget – discussion around summer students, will be applying once council approves and gives direction on what a wage will be. If funding approved 75% of wages will be covered, wage was decided at \$14.50, paying a little above minimum wage gives the Township a better chance of receiving the funding. The following will be moved to the fire hall

Development

Pay equity

Conferences

Admin training (leave \$5,000)

Arena Capital

Staff to show numbers with a 2.5% tax increase and bring back to next meeting.

Suggested that that Township can borrow \$500,000 over 20 years which would spread the cost over future tax payers

Staff to bring back what the Municipality's borrowing power is

Next budget meeting date February 8, 2021 at 4:00pm

January 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole – 1st Budget Draft meeting adjournment

Motion # 21-2

Moved by: Councillor Rowe

Seconded by: Councillor West

That the Committee of the Whole – 1st Budget Draft meeting of January 19, 2021 be adjourned at 11:53am



Mayor



Clerk